First snow ushers in road condition advisories

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222nd base Support battalion Public Affairs Office

The first snowfall of the season hit Baumholder during the early hours of Nov. 17.

At about 4:10 a.m., Lt. Col. Steve N. Miller, 222nd Base Support Battalion commander, elevated the local road conditions from green to amber and issued a two-hour delay for all schools in the Baumholder military community.

By 5 a.m., the AFN affiliates in Kaiserslautern and Frankfurt were reporting Baumholder's road conditions and a two-hour delay for schools.

Two days later, after the school buses were already in route, the Baumholder area was hit with it's first healthy snowfall and the road conditions went red at about 9 a.m.

Last year, Baumholder roads went "Red" on Dec. 9 after an entire morning of snowfall dropped four inches of the white powder.

Even before road conditions were declared "Red" last year, an avalanche of questions like "Are the schools closed?" "Is the post closed?" "What facilities are closed and which are open?" "Is it safe to drive to the PX or commissary?" were received by the 222nd BSB command group section and military police.

The initial panic that ensues with the first snowfall of the season was not as intense this time as in previous years; mainly because the snowfall was not as severe. The confusion often lies in the definition of road conditions and who they apply to.

During adverse weather conditions. people often mistakenly believe a road condition advisory such as "Amber" or "Red" applies to all motorists. This is not necessarily the case. Here are a

The most common weather related report heard over AFN radio and television and other alert channels pertains to road conditions. A road condition report applies only to military vehicles and restricts operators to various degrees of travel. It does not apply to civilian vehicles. Motorists traveling to work in their own cars should use road condition announcements to help them take appropriate safety measures when traveling to and from work.

Some AFN affiliates will report actual road condition, like icy, slippery, snow covered, etc., instead of color code conditions for military vehicles. These notices may be used by civilian motorists to determine appropriate travel plans.

During duty hours, call your unit or the 222nd Base Support Battalion operations officer at 485-1530. After duty hours, call the 222nd BSB staff duty personnel at 485-6150 or 06783-6-6150.

AFN Kaiserslautern can be heard by tuning your radio to:

100.2 FM, or 1107 AM.

To receive information from AFN Frankfurt, turn your radio to:

98.7 FM, or 873 AM.

Road conditions are also heard in English on the German radio station RPR 1 at frequencies 98.1 FM, or 103.3

Another announcement often heard during adverse weather is a delay in reporting to work. If, for example, AFN reports that all Baumholder personnel are authorized a two-hour delay in reporting to work, this means that motorists have two additional hours to report to work. It does not mean that people should role over and go back to sleep.

The intent of a delay is to allow persons who don't live close to their work a reasonable amount of time to



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Let it snow, let it snow. Suddenly it was winter in Baumholder when four to five inches of snow fell on The Rock during the early hours of Nov. 19.

report to work in a safe manner. Those who live on post or do not commute are expected to report to work on time.

The third and most extreme action a commander may take is to close an installation as a result of dangerous weather conditions. This means that all facilities are closed – including schools, commissaries, exchanges, and shoppettes. It does not mean everyone has a day off to go shopping or run errands. For one, all these places will be closed. People should not be out on the road during extreme inclement weather.

During a post closure or a delay in reporting to work, military and civilian mission-essential personnel should coordinate their reporting time with their chain of command as appropriate.

Another aspect of closures and delays is the accountability for missed work hours. Military members do not

their families. When soldiers and fami-

lies shop at the commissary, everyone

benefits. Soldiers get quality food and

groceries at affordable prices and the

need to record this downtime. However, if a military member was on leave during a closure, that day will be counted as leave.

Civilian employees are placed on administrative leave during a post closure. Those on leave during a closure will remain on leave, just as military members. This applies to American and local national civilian employees.

A post closure does not affect the leave status that a member might be on during that time. Civilian employees who don't live near their place of work may determine on their own if they can make it to work or not. If a civilian employee determines that it is unsafe to travel, he or she must report that time as regular leave (except during a post closure) and advise their supervisor accordingly. The bottom line is: use common sense.

AAFES, commissary, MWR increase benies for reenlistees

Reenlisting soldiers are now getting an added bonus in the form of discount coupon packages from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service,

commissary and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The commissary is one of many benefits of military life for soldiers and



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commissary's volume of customers increases. So, the local Baumholder commissary has asked all their various vendors for coupons to pass on to reenlisting soldiers.

MWR, in any military community, has various facilities that depend on customers to stay in business. To entice soldiers and family members, Baumholder's MWR facilities, are giving MWR discount coupons to all reenlistees.

The same is true for AAFES. When soldiers and their families shop at AAFES, they are helping to pay for newer facilities and services, while help-

ing to provide customers with the lowest prices in everything from garden hoses to cosmetics. That's why AAFES is also providing reenlisting soldiers and families with discount coupons.

The coupon packages include things like free bowling, free golf, free pizza, free meals at various restaurants, discounts at arts and crafts, outdoor recreation, and more. Soldiers and families really benefit from this program as well as the facilities themselves.

On the reenlistment side, Army Regulation 601-280 talks of the importance of keeping soldiers in place. This improves readiness, competency, and alignment of the force. Keeping soldiers in place is accomplished with option two, the current station stabilization option.

All of this adds to the current incentives for soldiers to reenlist.

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ACAP

mil 485-6741

ACAP wants you to succeed on the outside

Transitioning soldiers and family members, ACAP is concerned about your future. They offer a variety of services for separating soldiers and their family members. ACAP gives bimonthly Preseparation Briefings and Job Assistance Workshops/Seminars. ACAP clients have access to the internet for job searching.

If you are interested in attending a briefing or finding out more about ACAP please call mil 485-6741 or civ (06783) 6-6741.

ACAP briefings, seminars on tap

Baumholder's Army Career and Alumni Program offers the following classes through December:

Preseparation Briefing: Dec. 7 and 21, 8:30 to noon at the ACAP center. This briefing is mandatory for separating soldiers. Orders are not required to attend. All soldiers must attend a Preseparation Briefing no later than 90 days prior to their separation date.

Workshop Seminar: Topics include, skill identification, resume writing, networking, references, and interviewing.

This is a two-day event and clients must attend both days.

Dec. 7, 1-4 p.m.; Dec. 8, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 21, 1-4 p.m.; Dec. 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a space for all classes, contact ACAP at mil 485-6741/6330 or civ (06783)6-6741/6330.

Chapel chimes

Catholic Christmas programs outlined

Children are asked to bring a new set of mittens or a hat for a needy child Dec. 6 for the St. Nicholas Feast Day at Chapel Two. Other special days of observance are as follows: Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception Day, Mass at noon and 6 p.m.; Dec. 14, Adult Penance Service at 7 p.m.; Dec. 15, Children's Penance Service at 5 p.m.; Dec. 24, Children's Christmas Pageant at 5 p.m. All events are at Chapel Two. There will be a Shepherd's Mass at 9 p.m. at Strassburg Chapel and a Midnight Mass at Chapel Two Dec. 24. There is a Mass on Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m. and on New Year's Day, the Feast of Mary the Mother of God will be observed at 10:30 a.m., in Chapel Two.

Protestants line up holiday schedule

There will be a joint German American Christmas Concert featuring choirs from both churches as well as a bell choir at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 in Chapel One. A reception will follow. The Protestant Choir presents its Cantata Dec. 12 during the 9:30 a.m. service in Chapel One. The children will present the musical "Christmas Lights," during the 9:30 a.m. service Dec. 19 in Chapel One. All programs are open to the public.

Education mil 485-7557

An On-Duty ASEP class on writing NCO performance reports is scheduled Dec. 6 through 10. Stop by the education center today to enroll.

The GRE Subject Exams in History and Sociology

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will be offered for the last time April 9 through 14, 2000. Persons interested in these exams should plan ahead to avoid disappointment.

The next Providing Leaders Unit-essential Skills program meets at the Education Center at 8 a.m. Dec. 10. Call mil 485-6487/6308 to reserve a seat. The program is designed for senior leaders as an orientation to the Baumholder community and the services available.

The University of Oklahoma and Cameron University Representative from Ramstein AB visits the Baumholder Army Education Center on the first and third Wednesday of the month, from 11:30 to 3:30 p.m. They are now accepting registrations for their next term. The next visit is scheduled for Dec. 1.

The Baumholder Army Education Center accepts applications for Test Examiner and Army Learning Center Manager on an on-going basis. For information, contact the center at mil 485-6486.

University of Maryland in Baumholder will be offering some seminars throughout December. One such course is featured below.

A weekend seminar, UCSP198, titled "Information Systems and the Y2K Problem" will be offered Dec. 4-5. Topics covered include conditions that led to the millennium bug, its impact on today's financial markets, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, government, the military and international Y2K issues.

Other upcoming weekend seminars include:

CAPP100K, Micros: Accessing Information via the Internet, Dec. 4-5

CAPP121, Micros: Advanced Word Processing, Dec. 11-12

Those who want to raise their GT score, attend warrant officer/flight school, or are thinking about applying for Special Forces can find all the test material they need at the military testing office in Building 8255. For more information, contact Ann Moore at mil 485-6452.

Need financial aid? Stop by the Education Center today for a free copy of "Need a Lift," the financial aid handbook. Other sources of financial aid can be found at the following web sites: www.fastweb.com, www.finaid.org, and www.freschinfo.com.

The Baumholder Education Center is looking for instructors for the BSEP/FAST program. A bachelor's degree is required. Call mil 485-7557 for more information.

Free college credit is available for active duty military. Soldiers can turn what they've learned through life experiences or independent study into college credits by passing CLEP examinations. Contact the Baumholder Education Center at mil 485-6487.

FSG update

47th FSG activities

The 47th Forward Support Battalion Family Support Groups have scheduled the following activities for December:

Bravo Company goes on a Metz Christmas Market trip Dec. 4.

There is an IPR for the battalion Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6 in the battalion conference room.

Bravo Company takes a trip to the Rothenburg Christmas Market Dec. 11.

The battalion FSG steering committee meets at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 in the battalion conference room.

The battalion Christmas party is from 3 - 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Iron Works.

The Young Pioneers go Christmas caroling at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 20. Contact the battalion FSG leader, Michelle Stapleton, at civ (06783) 980220 for more information.

Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, Alpha Company FSG Christmas party is scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 21 at USO.

Know your leaders

The 47th FSB FSG leaders are:

Battalion, Michelle Stapleton, civ (06783) 980220 HHD/ Alpha Company, Laura Mitchell, BC

Bravo Company, Barbara Horvath, civ (06782) 7102 (only during evening hours); Greta Zito, (06783) 981536; Stacey Pirkle (06783) 4329 (only during evening hours)

Charlie Company, Gisella Perkins, Civ (06783) 4954

The 47th FSG is always looking for new volunteers. Please contact the battalion FSG leader, of Sgt. Lisa Collis at mil. 485-7040 if you would like to join.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Battalion Family Support Liaison, Sgt. Lisa Collis at mil 485-7040.

1-35th Armor FSG

Upcoming Family Support Group meetings for the 1-35th Armor Battalion are as follows:

The battalion steering committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the battalion conference room. Their next meeting is Dec 7.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company Family Support Group meets Dec. 14 in Building 8876.

Alpha Company Family Support Group meets Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the FSG room in Building 8876.

The Bravo Company FSG meeting will be Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wetzel FSG room, Building 8876.

Charlie Company holds its Family Support Group meetings on the second Thursday of each month in the company dayroom in Building 8213. The next meeting is Dec. 9.

2nd Brigade FSG

Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade holds its monthly Family Support Group meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month in the company dayroom in Building 8252. Their next meeting is Dec. 29.

Information

BCSC coordinates gift wrapping project

The Christmas season is approaching fast and it's time to buy those presents. They need to be wrapped and this is where your organization can make some money. The Baumholder Community Service Club is in charge of this year's gift-wrapping project at the Post Exchange and Toyland.

Organizations that want to get in on the action may call Sabine Mann at (06781) 980728. Gift-wrapping is by donation only so everything an organization earns it can keep.

Commissaries close for Veteran's Day

Commissary closures and holiday observances include:

Dec. 8, Christmas party, Baumholder and Idar-Oberstein commissaries close at 4 p.m.

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, All 3 stores (Baumholder, Idar-Oberstein, Neubrücke) will close at 4 p.m.

Dec 25, Christmas Day, all three stores will be closed.

Dec 26, Baumholder will be open, Idar-Oberstein/ Neubrücke will be closed.

Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, all three stores will be

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open during normal operating hours.

Jan. 1, New Year's Day, all three stores will be

Bank closes for training

Baumholder's NationsBank observes Bank Day-Customer Appreciation Day Dec. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the fun.

The bank will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1, New Years Day. Customers are asked to order their foreign money a minimum of three to four days in

Don't go "Postal," meet the deadline

Christmas is just around the corner and so are mailing deadlines for packages to reach the United States in time for Christmas. In order for packages to reach the United States in time for the holidays, the following deadlines apply:

- Dec. 4, PAL parcels
- Dec. 11, priority parcels
- Dec. 11, first class letters
- Dec. 18, express mail

La Leche League meets

Mothers who wish to breast-feed their babies will find encouragement and information at the monthly meetings for Baumholder's La Leche League. The group meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month in Neubrücke housing, Building 9986, Apt. 1-B and the next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 14. For details, call civ. (06782) - 980109.

Medical

Clinic offers self-care classes

The Baumholder Health Clinic offers self-care classes for individuals or family support groups. These classes, taught by the community health nurse, are designed to instruct the individual on how to reference the TRICARE self-care books entitled, "Taking Care of Yourself." Attendees will also be added to the Pharmacy registry and those families will be able to pick up over the counter medications without having to see a physician. There must be at least 10 people signed up for the class in order for the instructor to teach the class. We can also organize a class for Family Support Groups. Call mil 485-6570 or civ (06783) 6-6570 to sign up.

Know when to seek civilian medical aid

Active duty soldiers are allowed to receive civilian medical treatment under two specific conditions. If prior approval is obtained from the local U.S. Army Health Clinic, a soldier may receive civilian medical treatment. Civilian medical treatment is also permitted for emergency care.

When the Baumholder U.S. Army Health Clinic is closed and you are ill, you have the following options:

Contact the Personal Health Advisor ("Call a nurse") at 0130-825-160.

Go to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center emergency room.

For emergencies only: go to the nearest German facility.

If you fail to follow the above rules you may become liable for any medical expenses. For further information contact your Health Benefits Advisor at mil 485-6205 or civ (06783) 6-6205, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Flu vaccine now available

This season's flu vaccine is available at the Baumholder Health Clinic. The vaccine is mandatory for all active duty military and highly recommended

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for adults 65 and older, children and adults with chronic health conditions, children taking steroid inhalants, and pregnant women in the second and third trimester.

The vaccination is free and available to all active duty military, family members, Department of Defense civilians and local national employees. The vaccine is available at the Baumholder immunization clinic in Building 8471, room 104. Persons are asked to bring their shot records.

Clinic hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m.- noon and 1 - 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 - 4 p.m.; Fridays from 7:30 a.m - noon. and 1 -2:30 p.m. For more information, call mil 485-6488.

Job Corner

Local national positions

The following local national jobs are available at Baumholder, Neubrücke and Idar-Oberstein:

Store Worker, pay grade 2 and 3, closing date is March 31 2000

Sales Store Checker, pay grade 2, 3 and 4, closing date is March 31, 2000

Kitchen personnel, several positions, pay grade 2, 3 and 4, closing date is Dec. 31, 1999

For more information on these positions, call mil 485-6590, or civ (06783) 6-6590.

The following nonappropriated funds positions are available in the Baumholder community at the indicated locations:

Directorate of Community Activities

Secretary, \$7.55, open until Dec. 2, 1999

Smith, Wetzel, Dispensary, Strassburg **Child Development Centers**

Child and Youth Program Assistant, flexible, \$7.20 per hour, open continuous

Rec Emporium

Recreation Aid (fitness), flexible, \$5.50 per hour, open continuous

Rod and Gun Club

Bar Assistant, flexible, \$5.92 per hour, open until filled

Iron Works

Waiter/Waitress, flexible, \$5.92 per hour, open until filled

Bar Assistant, flexible, \$5.92 per hour, open until filled

Food Service Worker, flexible, \$5.92 per hour, open until filled

Bowling Center

Bowling equipment repair person, regular full time, \$8.50, open until filled

Food Service Worker, flexible, \$5.92 per hour, open until filled

For more information on these job opportunities, call the Nonappropriated Funds Civilian Personnel Office at 485-6566.

Job opportunities at AAFES

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service at Baumholder has continuous openings at all of its facilities for custodial workers, warehouse workers, retail cashiers, food service workers and customer service. For more information call the AAFES Human Resource Office at mil 485-7334, or civ (06783) 3086.

ACAP has job opening

Army Career and Alumni Program has a job opening for an ACAP counselor in Baumholder. The position requires a masters degree and two years of teaching experience. Interested applicants may call the Baumholder ACAP office at mil 485-6330/6741 and speak with Ms. Bobbi Curris.

Education center needs instructors

The Baumholder Education Center is looking for instructors for the BSEP/FAST program. A bachelor's degree is required. Call mil 485-7557 for details.

Instructors needed

Youth Services Sports is currently seeking a dance instructor, martial arts instructor, basketball coaches and cheerleader coaches. Call Youth Services Sports at mil 485-6968/7537 for more information.

Help teach English

Army Community Service is interested in starting an English as a second language program. People interested in being an instructor may call mil 485-6252.

Volunteer opportunities

The Wetzel Elementary School Talented and Gifted program is looking for persons interested in helping students prepare for the science fair in January. Persons with a math or science background are needed but all help is welcomed. For more information, call Cindy Irby at civ (06783) 187514.

Are you interested in becoming a Red Cross volunteer? If so, attend the Red Cross monthly volunteer orientation held the third Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. in the Red Cross classroom. For more information, call the Red Cross at 485-6313.

Help sought for annual food basket program

Baumholder's Army Community service is teaming up with other agencies to help sponsor the annual Baumholder Community Holiday Food Basket Program. ACS needs five volunteers to help contact military units, put together food baskets, and help distribute baskets. Volunteers should be available Dec. 1 through 3 and Dec. 20 through 23.

Marketing committee chairperson needed

ACS is forming a marketing committee to develop and maintain marketing of Army Community Services programs throughout the Baumholder military community. The chairperson's responsibilities include recruiting volunteers to serve on the committee, working with the ACS director and ACS service providers to advertise services and events. Time required is approximately 20 hours a week initially, dropping to approximately 10 hours a week after committee is staffed. Volunteer candidates should be familiar with Microsoft Power Point and marketing design.

For more information on these ACS volunteer positions, contact Kenda Whittingham, ACS volunteer supervisor, at mil 485-6468 or civ (06783) 6-6468.

Army Family Team Building needs help

Volunteers needed to help staff the Army Family Team Building Offices at the Wetzel and Army Community Services locations. Those interested should possess general administrative skills and be able to work alone or with others, provide accurate information, take phone messages, and complete paperwork. Basic computer knowledge is necessary. Volunteers should be able to work 2 to 3 hours shifts, 2 to 3 days per week, be able to attend monthly staff meetings, and have their own transportation. For more information, contact the AFTB office at mil 485-6468/6565.

JAG needs tax assistants

The legal office has volunteer positions for volunteer income tax assistant. Duties include screening tax

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customers, making appointments, and preparing state and federal income tax returns. Volunteers should be able to work shifts of four hours, two days per week or more if they desire. Volunteers accepted for these positions will receive one week of VITA training from the IRS and three days of computer training.

Youth Services looking for volunteer

Smith YS is looking for a volunteer receptionist to work from 2 - 5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. This person must be friendly, have organizational skills, good customer service, and knowledge of children 6 - 12 years of age. This position requires monitoring of the hall to ensure proper use of rest rooms, hallways, and other areas, stocking the bathroom, answering phones, and taking accurate messages. The volunteer will receive on-the-job training. A background check is required.

Snack bar operator needed

Smith Youth Services is in need of two volunteer snack bar operators; one to work 2 - 5 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and one to work 2 - 5 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. This position requires a reliable and trustworthy person familiar with sanitary requirements and snack bar procedures. The volunteer must be able to work with children ages 6 - 12. Basic math skills and organizational skills are a must. Duties include a daily inventory of supplies, keeping accurate records, using revenue sheets, and cash handling. The volunteer must wear a baseball cap or hair net. A background check is required.

YS recruiting for coaches

The Youth Services sports director is recruiting men and women basketball coaches and assistant coaches for age groups: 4-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, and 15 and up. The season runs from January through March. Practices begin in December. Coaches will hold practice a minimum of two evenings a week with games on weekends. Those interested should call Jerry Mayhew, Youth Services sports director, at mil 485-6968 or civ (06783)66968.

Volunteer needed at safety office

An administrative volunteer position is available at the Safety office. Volunteers should possess general clerical skills to answer phones, take messages, and do light computer work. Time required two to three days a week, two- to three-hour shifts. The safety office plans on-the-job training for the volunteers. For more information, call Robin Canuela at mil 485-6277.

Stop by the volunteer office

All persons interested in volunteering are welcome to stop by the Installation Volunteer Coordinator's Office in the Army Community Services hallway, Building 8746, office 9 for information about volunteering anywhere in the Baumholder military community. For more information, contact Jennifer Legg, installation volunteer coordinator, at mil 485-6565/6468 or civ (06783)6-6565/6468.

Get fit at the Mountaineer

Step aerobics is offered at the Mountaineer Fitness Center Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Each class is \$3 or buy 10 classes for \$25. Call the Fitness Studio for more information at mil 485-6156.

Learn a martial art

Tae Kwon Do is offered at the Rec Emporium every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for children and from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. for adults. Each class costs \$30. Contact Steve Murray at mil 485-7149/ 6868 for more information.

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Dance your way to fitness

Jazzercise is offered Mondays and Thursdays from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. at the Mountaineer Fitness Center. Each class costs \$3 or buy 10 classes for \$25. The first class is free.

Go back to the rockin' '70s

Go back in time with the Baumholder Bowling Center on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month with "Back to the '70s Rock 'n' Bowl." Enjoy a variety of music from the 1970s and 75 cent games from 7 - 10 p.m. For more information call mil 485-6569.

Light up your holiday spirit

Catch the holiday spirit at Baumholder's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Parade of Trees Dec. 10. The tree lighting ceremony takes place in front of the Wagon Wheel Theater. Spectators can enjoy Christmas carols, a visit from Santa Claus and of course a chance to see the Baumholder holiday tree as it is lit for the first time this season. Afterwards, follow Santa to the Iron Works Club where you can have your picture taken with him, enjoy free food and drinks and view the variety of trees decorated by local organizations in the Parade of Trees. These specially decorated trees will be on display Dec. 10 through Jan. 4. For more information call mil 485-1550.

Quick club calendar

Mondays, Fridays, lunch, Mel's Diner Wednesdays, Saturdays, dinner, Rudy's Bar and

Wednesdays, Sundays, breakfast, Rod and Gun Club

Wednesdays, Sundays, dinner, Rod and Gun Club Sundays and Tuesdays, football, Iron Works Wednesdays, Fridays, lunch, Rod and Gun Club Wednesdays, Darts, Rudy's Bar and Grill Thursdays, pool tournament, Rudy's Bar and Grill Thursdays, Iron Single Soldier Night, Iron Works Thursdays, oldies but goodies, Iron Works Club Fridays, late night dinner, Mel's Diner Fridays, R&B night, Iron Works Club

Fridays, TGIF at the BUB, Rheinlander Fridays, dinner, Rheinlander

Fridays, band or DJ, Rod and Gun Club (call 485-6345 for a listing)

Saturdays, band or DJ, Rod and Gun Club (call 485-6345 for a listing)

Saturdays, early morning breakfast, Mel's Diner

Bowling is for the whole family

The Baumholder Bowling Center offers all sorts of weekly specials. Enjoy Nifty Fifties every Tuesday from 4-11 p.m. All games, hot dogs and French fries are just 50 cents a piece. Wednesdays are Dollar Days. Each game costs just \$1 all day long. On Saturdays, kids 12 and under can bowl for just 75 cents per game. Saturday night brings Moonlight Bowling from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. On Sundays, kids 12 and under receive a free hotdog for every three games they play. Call the Baumholder Bowling Center for information on reserving lanes for parties, family support group or unit functions and more. The snack bar at the Baumholder Bowling Center is a good place to grab a quick lunch. The center is open Mondays from 4-11 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; and Sundays and holidays from 1-9 p.m.

Swim your way to fitness with water aerobics

Get fit at the Baumholder Pool every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8 p.m. with an invigorating aerobic workout. Call the Fitness Studio for more details at mil 485-6156.

Baumholder readies for New Year's bash

Baumholder will be ushering in 2000 with a New Year's Eve celebration starting at 9 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Rheinlander. There will be multiple themes throughout the facility including New York style dance music featuring a swing and big band sound. There will also be 50s – 80s music with a DJ and karaoke.

On the menu will be hors d'oeuvres, breakfast, and free champagne with every ticket. Party favors are included as well as a souvenir "Happy New Year's 2000" champagne glass.

Tickets are \$60 per couple in advance, \$70 at the door. Single tickets are \$30 in advance, \$45 at the door.

Limited rooms are available at the Lagerhof Inn and childcare options are also available. For ticket information, call mil 485-7507

Public Affairs mil 485-1600

Spend Christmas with German family

Will you be away from your family this holiday season? Why not spend Christmas this year with a German family from the local community? Every year, Baumholder's 222nd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office plays matchmaker for single soldiers that are interested in spending the holidays with a German family. Visits with a family can range from one day to one week, or longer, depending on the soldier's availability and the German family's request.

Often, German families invite soldiers back to their homes for more visits.

To find out more about this German-American program, call the public affairs office today.

Red Cross mil 485-1760/6313

Red Cross has new emergency numbers

The American Red Cross has new emergency after hour telephone numbers. Their new emergency assistance numbers are mil 431-2334, or civ 07031-15-334.

The Baumholder Red Cross will maintain their regular phone numbers during normal operating hours. Their hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except holidays) and their telephone numbers are mil 485-1760/6313, or civ (06783) 6-1760/ 6313.

Red Cross offers Disaster training program

The Baumholder American Red Cross Disaster Program is looking for motivated people who have six to 16 hours a month free. If you are interested in how The Red Cross handles major disasters contact Wayne Rogers mil 485-6181 or the American Red Cross office at mil 485-1760.

Baby-sitting club comes to town

The Baby-sitting Club is coming to Baumholder. If you are in the Red Cross Youth Volunteer Program, or interested in joining and have completed the Red Cross Baby-sitting Course you can be part of the fun. Please contact Jamie James at mil 485-7276 or the American Red Cross office at mil 485-1760.

Red Cross training

The Red Cross is offering the following courses in the coming months:

Dec. 10 and 11, Community First Aid and Safety Dec. 15, Community First Aid and Safety